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FM AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3133

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EWT, ETRD, UR, US

SUBJ: REPORTED SOVIET SHIPMENT OF POTASH TO US

REF: (A) STATE 097592, (B) LENINGRAD 449, (C) LENINGRAD A-13

1. IN COURSE OF PHONE CALL ON OTHER BUSINESS AND WITHOUT GETTING INTO BACKGROUND OF MATTER, WE ASKED DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORP. TEAM AT VENTSPILS (RIS MABILE) ON MAY 6 IF OCCIDENTAL PROJECT THERE WOULD ALSO INCLUDE POTASH. MABILE CONFIRMED EARLIER INFORMATION TO US (REFS B & C) THAT OCCIDENTAL FACILITY IN VENTSPILS WILL HANDLE ONLY SUPERPHOSPHORIC ACID AND AMMONIA. HE SAID HE KNEW OF NO PLANS, PRESENT OR FUTURE, TO INCLUDE POTASH, AND WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING ELSE HERE WHICH WOULD SHED ANY LIGHT ON ALLEGED POTASH DEAL.

2. RE PARA 3 YOUR TEL, WE RAISED SHIPMENT COSTS OF POTASH WITH HEAVY SHIPMENT DIVISION AT MOSCOW RAILROAD STATION. OFFICIALS THERE TOLD US THAT NORMAL CHARGE FOR SHIPMENT SUCH A COMMODITY IS THIRTY-THREE (33) RUBLES PER 40 TON RAIL CAR FOR EACH 50 KILOMETERS.  
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3. LENINGRAD PORT AUTHORITIES TELL US THAT COST FOR LOADING 40 TON RAIL CAR OF POTASH WOULD BE IN AREA OF 100 RUBLES ALTHOUGH CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS COULD AFFECT ULTIMATE PRICE. WE ASSUME THAT LOADING COSTS IN VENTSPILS PORT WOULD BE SIMILAR. NEUBERT

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